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**Police Activities League of Austin boxers place in  
the State Junior Olympics Tournament**

The Police Activities League of Austin, a community outreach program initiated by Chief of Police Art Acevedo in 2007, sent three boxers to the Region 8 Junior Olympics in El Paso, Texas, May 21-May 23, 2010.

Francisco Martinez Jr. and Ruben De La Rosa brought home gold medals. Jon Baladez brought home a bronze medal. Ruben, a 16 year old senior boxer in the 189lb weight class has earned his spot in this Olympic qualifying year to advance to the National Silver Gloves in Camp Lejeune, NC in June 2010.

The Austin Police Activities League is designed to support at-risk youth in our community by offering children a safe place to gather and enjoy educational and social benefits, as well as athletic opportunities. The goal of PAL is to prevent and combat juvenile delinquency and to promote and improve the moral and civic standards of youth.

For more information on this and other Austin PAL programs visit their Web site at: [www.austinpolicpal.com](http://www.austinpolicpal.com) or contact Senior Police Officer Phil Contatore at [AustinPolicePal@gmail.com](mailto:AustinPolicePal@gmail.com) or 512-565-1910. PAL of Austin is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization.

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